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THE RHYME "STICKER,"—In the "Gentle Fanny," by Bartlett (sixth edition), published 1792, page 293, is the following: "The method used by Dr. Bracken is to tie up one of his fingers close, and to fasten a cord or small rope about the other forelock, bringing the end of it over the shoulders; then let him be hit or kicked with a stick, or a cane, at the same time pulling the cord down strongly to the nape of the neck, and to bring him down upon his knees, where he should hold till he is tired, which cannot be long; he does not lie down soon, let him be thrust away against his quarters to throw him over, forcing him down several times in this way may teach him to lie down at the same word first used for that purpose." Rasey's system acts the same.

THE HOT WEATHER IN EUROPE.—The journals received by the Europa contain many paragraphs about the extreme heat of the first of the present month. July 6 was reported the hottest day ever known in the south of Europe, the thermometer having attained the extraordinary height of 118 degrees of Fahrenheit's scale, which has no heat approaching to this since 1832, and then the highest degree marked was 111 Fahrenheit.

CAGED BIRDS.

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Spelt bound within their cage, my heart,  
Are sweetest birds that ever sing  
Or beams to heaven: they dream apart  
Silent, with folded wing.

Spring lays her blessing hands on all  
The earth: it blossoms Everything  
Breathes—sings! They pass the festival  
Silent, with folded wing.

You have the word, beloved one,  
The magic key of opening:  
O give these larks a morning sun—  
Earth, heaven of you shall sing!

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